

Research Proposal Development Workshop: Studying Political Behavior in the Middle East and North Africa

Saturday, January 6

Session 1: Practical Advice (Liz and Nermin)

Required:

Beth Miller, Jon Pevehouse, Ron Rogowski, Dustin Tingley, and Rick Wilson. "How to be a peer reviewer: a guide for recent and soon-to-be PhDs." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46, no. 1 (2013): 120-123. [Link](#)

Session 2: Research Question and Literature Review (Amr)

Required:

Andrew Little, "Three Templates for Introductions to Political Science Articles." [Link](#)

Ross, Michael L. "What have we learned about the resource curse?." *Annual review of political science* 18 (2015): 239-259. [Link](#)

Recommended (Practical Resources):

- <http://libguides.usc.edu/writingguide/literaturereview>
- <http://advice.writing.utoronto.ca/types-of-writing/literature-review/>
- <http://levente.littvay.hu/litreview/>
- <https://libguides.princeton.edu/politics>

Sunday, January 7

Session 1: Research Design & Methods (Liz)

Required:

David Collier and Colin Elman, "Qualitative and Multimethod Research" in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*. Oxford University Press (2008): 779-795. [Link](#)

Charles Franklin, "Quantitative Methodology" in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*. Oxford University Press (2008): 796-813. [Link](#)

Recommended:

Part II (chapters 3, 4, 5) of Lunenburg, Frederick C. *Writing a Successful Thesis or Dissertation: Tips and Strategies for Students in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, 2008. Pages 28-109. *Note: not all of these research designs will be useful for you. Please skim what is not relevant to your work and read carefully the pertinent sections. For example, if you are interested in quantitative research, chapters 3 or 4 may be most relevant, and if you are interested in qualitative research, read chapter 5 carefully.* [Link](#)

Session 2: Fieldwork and Data Collection (Mazen)

Required:

Diana Kapiszewski, "Interviews, Focus Groups, and Oral Histories" in *Field Research in Political Science*, eds Kapiszewski and MacLean. Cambridge University Press, 190-233. [Link](#)

Session 3: Methodological Approaches to Studying Political Behavior (Mazen, Liz)

Required:

Daniel Tavana. "The Unintended Consequences of Authoritarian Elections: Insights from Elite Interviews in Kuwait." *MENA Politics: Newsletter of the Middle East and North Africa Politics Section of APSA* 5.12 (2022): 14-20. [Link](#)

Amanda B. Edgell, Valeriya Mechkova, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan I. Lindberg. "When and where do elections matter? A global test of the democratization by elections hypothesis, 1900–2010." *Democratization* 25.3 (2018): 422-444. [Link](#)

Monday, January 8

Session 1: Building a theoretical framework (Nermin)

Required:

Cynthia Grant, and Azadeh Osanloo. "Understanding, selecting, and integrating a theoretical framework in dissertation research: Creating the blueprint for your 'house'." *Administrative Issues Journal* 4.2 (2014): 4. [Link](#)

Elizabeth A. Wentz. "Conceptualizing a Research Idea" in *How to Design, Write, and Present a Successful Dissertation Proposal*. Sage Publications, 2013 (115-128). [Link](#)

Session 2: Theoretical Frameworks for Studying Political Behavior (Nermin, Liz)

Required:

Allam, Nermin. 2023. "The Role of Emotions in Anti-Sexual Violence Groups in Egypt." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 28 (2): 189–208. [Link](#)

Russell J. Dalton and Hans-Dieter Klingemann. "Citizens and political behavior." (2007). [Link](#)

Wednesday, January 10

Session 1: Political Behavior in MENA: The State of the Field and Emerging Trends in Literature (Amr and Mazen)

Required:

Ala' Arababa'h, William Marble, Salma Mousa, and Alexandra A. Siegel. "Can Exposure to Celebrities Reduce Prejudice? The Effect of Mohamed Salah on Islamophobic Behaviors and Attitudes." *American Political Science Review* 115.4 (2021): 1111-1128. [Link](#)

Kütük-Kuriş, Merve. "Muslim Fashionistas in Contemporary Turkey: Devoted Mothers, Benevolent Philanthropists, and Leisure Enthusiasts." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 17.3 (2021): 395-422. [Link](#)